

# **EXHIBIT I**

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**PREFERENCE SHARES PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT**

As of March 27, 2008

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as Preference Shares Paying Agent  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

THIS PREFERENCE SHARES PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT, dated as of March 27, 2008 (this "Agreement") is entered into between ABERDEEN LOAN FUNDING, LTD., an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the "Issuer") and State STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY ("State Street"), as preference shares paying agent (the "Preference Shares Paying Agent") for the Class I Preference Shares and the Class II Preference Shares issued by the Issuer (collectively, the "Preference Shares") and WALKERS SPV LIMITED as share registrar (the "Share Registrar") for the shares (including the Preference Shares) issued by the Issuer. The Issuer hereby appoints State Street as Preference Shares Paying Agent under the terms set forth below and confirms State Street's agreement to distribute any funds to be paid to the Holders of the Preference Shares pursuant to the Priority of Payments set forth in the Indenture (as defined herein). Reference is also made to the indenture, dated as of March 27, 2008, among the Issuer, Aberdeen Loan Funding Corp. (the "Co-Issuer") and State Street, as trustee (the "Indenture"). Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the Indenture or, if not defined therein, certain resolutions passed at a meeting of the Issuer's Board of Directors that was held on March 26, 2008, as reflected in the minutes thereof, including Annex A ("Annex A") therein (the "Resolutions") and, together with this Agreement and the Issuer's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the "Preference Share Documents"). The Preference Shares will be issued, and may be transferred, subject to the procedures set forth in Annex A to the Resolutions the terms of which are incorporated hereto.

On the Closing Date, (i) all of the Class I Preference Shares will be offered and sold directly by the Issuer to Highland CDO Opportunity Master Fund, L.P. (an Affiliate of the Servicer) or one or more of its Affiliates, and (ii) all of the Class II Preference Shares will be offered and sold by the Issuer directly to Highland Crusader Offshore Partners, L.P. (an Affiliate of the Servicer) or one or more of its Affiliates or Highland Credit Strategies Master Fund, L.P. (an Affiliate of the Servicer) or one or more of its Affiliates.

Section 1. Notice of Distribution to Directors. The Preference Shares Paying Agent, promptly after receipt of the Valuation Report, shall forward or make available to the directors of the Issuer (as identified to it by the Issuer) the Valuation Report which identifies the Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds, payable to the Holders of the Preference Shares on the applicable Payment Date.

Section 2. Payments of Dividends and Other Distributions, Amounts Not Distributable. (a) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall, subject to paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e) below, pay or cause to be paid, on behalf of the Issuer on each applicable Payment Date, the Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds received from the Trustee to the Holders of the Preference Shares as a distribution of dividends on such Payment Date. Such distributions of Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds by way of dividends to the Holders of Preference Shares shall be paid *pro rata* in the proportion that the number of Preference Shares held by each such Holder bears to the total number of Preference Shares. The Issuer, or the Share Registrar on its behalf, shall provide the Preference Shares Paying Agent with a copy of the share register of the Issuer on the Closing Date and thereafter, the Share Registrar will promptly notify the Preference Shares Paying Agent of any changes to the share register of the Issuer. The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall notify the Issuer and the Share Registrar of any transfers of Preference Shares known to it.

(b) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, distributions of Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds by way of dividends to the Holders of Preference Shares on any Payment Date shall (i) be subject to the Issuer being solvent under Cayman Islands law (defined as the Issuer being able to pay its debts as they become due in the ordinary course of business) immediately prior to, and after giving effect to, such payment as determined by the Issuer and (ii) be made only to the extent that the Issuer has sufficient distributable profits and/or share premium out of which to make such payment as determined by the Issuer. If the Issuer determines that the conditions set forth in either clause (i) or (ii) above are not satisfied with respect to any portion of Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds payable on such Payment Date, the Issuer shall instruct the Preference Shares Paying Agent in writing not later than one Business Day prior to such Payment Date that such portion of Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds, as applicable, should not be paid, and the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall not pay the same, to the Holders of the Preference Shares until the first succeeding Payment Date, or (in the case of any payments which would otherwise be payable on the Redemption Date or any Scheduled Preference Shares Redemption Date) until the first succeeding Business Day, upon which the Issuer notifies the Preference Shares Paying Agent in writing that each such condition is satisfied, at which time the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall distribute such amounts. To the extent available, distributions shall be made first out of distributable profits for the current Due Period, then out of distributable profits in excess of dividends for prior Due Periods and then out of share premium.

(c) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, distributions of the Redemption Price by way of redemption of the Preference Shares shall be subject to the Issuer being solvent under Cayman Islands law (defined as the Issuer being able to pay its debts as they become due in the ordinary course of business) immediately prior to, and after giving effect to, such distribution as determined by the Issuer. For purposes of this subsection (c), a determination as to whether the Issuer is solvent on the Redemption Date shall be made by the

Issuer (A) after giving effect to any payments to be made on such Redemption Date and (B) in light of the fact that the obligations of the Issuer to the Holders of the Notes, the other Secured Parties and the other Persons subject to the Priority of Payments are limited in recourse to the Collateral, and not to amounts (i) in the Preference Shares Distribution Account, (ii) any other amounts released from the Collateral in accordance with the Indenture and held by or on behalf of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders of the Preference Shares or (iii) amounts on deposit in the Issuer's bank account in the Cayman Islands, and that after the assets in the Collateral are exhausted, such parties will have no further claim against the Issuer. If the Issuer determines that such condition is not satisfied on a Redemption Date with respect to any portion of the Redemption Price, the Issuer shall instruct the Preference Shares Paying Agent in writing not later than one Business Day prior to such Redemption Date that such portion should not be distributed, and the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall not distribute the same, to the Holders of the Preference Shares until the first succeeding Business Day upon which the Issuer notifies the Preference Shares Paying Agent in writing that such condition is satisfied, and the amounts so retained in the Preference Shares Distribution Account will be held therein until such amounts are paid.

(d) On each Payment Date, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall distribute, on behalf of the Issuer, amounts, if any, received by it from the Trustee, which are then on deposit in the Class II Preference Share Special Payment Account pursuant to Section 10.3(i) of the Indenture for payment *pro rata* to the Holders of the Class II Preference Shares as the Class II Preference Share Special Payment.

(e) Dividends to the Holders of the Preference Shares (other than Class II Preference Share Special Payments) may be paid, in whole or in part on any Payment Date, with any Eligible Equity Securities held by, or on behalf of, the Issuer at such time in lieu of a distribution of Interest Proceeds. The Servicer, on behalf the Issuer, shall have the right to direct the Trustee to distribute any Eligible Equity Securities *pro rata* to the Consenting Holders of the Preference Shares (as identified to the Trustee by the Preference Shares Paying Agent) with respect to such Payment Date to the extent that the Market Value of such Eligible Equity Securities (determined by the Servicer as of the relevant Market Value Determination Date) is equal to or lower than the aggregate amount of Interest Proceeds that would otherwise be due and payable on such Payment Date to such Consenting Holders of the Preference Shares. Interest Proceeds in an amount equal to the Market Value of such Eligible Equity Securities (determined by the Servicer as of the relevant Market Value Determination Date) distributed to the Consenting Holders of the Preference Shares with respect to any such Payment Date shall be treated for all purposes by the Issuer and the Servicer as Principal Proceeds available for distribution on the relevant Payment Date. The amount of Interest Proceeds available on the relevant Payment Date shall be reduced and the amount of Principal Proceeds available on the relevant Payment Date shall be increased accordingly.

(f) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the Holders of the Preference Shares acknowledge and agree for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes that the rights of the Holders of the Preference Shares to distributions by the Issuer and in and to the assets of the Issuer in respect of such Preference Shares, shall be subordinate and junior to the Notes, to the extent and in the manner set forth in the Indenture including as set forth in Section 11.1 thereof and as required by law. If any Event of Default has occurred and has not been cured

or waived and acceleration occurs in accordance with Article V of the Indenture, the Notes shall be paid in full in Cash before any further payment or distribution is made on account of the Preference Shares. The Holders of the Preference Shares agree, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, not to cause the filing of a petition in bankruptcy against the Issuer for failure to pay to them amounts due under the Issuer's Memorandum and Articles of Association or hereunder in respect of the Preference Shares or payable under the Indenture prior to the date which is one year and one day (or, if longer, the applicable preference period) after the payment in full of principal of and interest on the Notes.

(g) In the event that notwithstanding the provisions of this Agreement or the Indenture, any Holder of any Preference Shares shall have received any payment or distribution in respect of such Preference Shares contrary to the provisions of this Agreement, the Issuer's Memorandum and Articles of Association or the Indenture, then, unless and until (i) the Class A Notes, (ii) the Class B Notes, (iii) the Class C Notes, (iv) the Class D Notes and (v) the Class E Notes shall have been paid in full in Cash (or to the extent that a Majority of each Class of Notes consents, other than Cash) in accordance with the Indenture, such payment or distribution shall be received and held in trust for the benefit of, and shall forthwith be paid over and delivered to, the Trustee, for payment and delivery of the same to the Holders of the Class A Notes, the Class B Notes, the Class C Notes, the Class D Notes or the Class E Notes, as the case may be, in accordance with the Indenture; provided, however, that if any such payment or distribution is made other than in Cash, it shall be paid over and delivered to the Trustee such that it may be held by the Trustee as part of the Collateral pursuant to, and subject in all respects to, the provisions of the Indenture, including Section 13.1 thereof.

Section 3. Payments and Redemption. (a) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall make payments or distributions (other than distributions of Eligible Equity Securities) to each registered Holder on the relevant Record Date by wire transfer in immediately available funds to a U.S. Dollar account maintained by such Holder as notified to the Preference Shares Paying Agent or, in the absence of such notification, by U.S. Dollar check mailed to such Holder at its address of record. The Issuer shall, or shall ensure that the Share Registrar will, provide the Preference Shares Paying Agent with all relevant information regarding the registered Holders of the Preference Shares as the Preference Shares Paying Agent may reasonably require to the extent such information is in possession or control of the Issuer or Share Registrar.

(b) If the Servicer, on behalf of the Issuer, desires to make distributions of Eligible Equity Securities on any Payment Date in lieu of Interest Proceeds that are otherwise available for distribution to the Holders of Preference Shares on such Payment Date pursuant to the Priority of Payments and as described in Section 2(e) above, the Servicer shall notify the Trustee and the Preference Shares Paying Agent pursuant to the Servicing Agreement not later than 20 calendar days prior to such Payment Date and provide the Trustee, the Issuer, the Preference Shares Paying Agent (for forwarding on the Record Date or promptly thereafter, but in no event later than two Business Days after the Record Date, to each Holder of the Preference Shares registered as such on the Record Date for such Payment Date) with (i) details of the Eligible Equity Securities to be distributed, (ii) the Market Value of such Eligible Equity Securities determined as of the relevant Market Value Determination Date, (iii) any other information considered necessary by the Servicer in connection with such proposed distribution and (iv) any information as otherwise required by the Trustee and/or the Preference Shares

Paying Agent with respect to such proposed distribution. The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall then mail such materials, within two Business Days of its receipt thereof from the Servicer, to each registered Holder of Preference Shares on the Record Date for such Payment Date along with a form of notice and consent (in a form attached hereto in Schedule I) seeking the written consent of each such Holder of Preference Shares to distribute such Eligible Equity Securities to such Holder in lieu of all or a portion of the Interest Proceeds available for distribution to such Holder on such Payment Date. Each Holder of the Preference Shares wishing to receive such Eligible Equity Securities in lieu of a distribution of all or a portion of the Interest Proceeds available for distribution to such Holder on such applicable Payment Date (each such Holder with respect to such Payment Date, a “Consenting Holder of the Preference Shares”) is required to deliver to the Preference Shares Paying Agent a written consent (which consent will be irrevocable) no later than five Business Days prior to such Payment Date. If any Holder of Preference Shares does not timely deliver its written consent to the Preference Shares Paying Agent in the manner set forth in such notice indicating its consent to the receipt of such Eligible Equity Securities in lieu of a distribution of all or a portion of the Interest Proceeds available for distribution to such Holder on such Payment Date, such Holder shall be deemed to have not given its consent and shall not be a Consenting Holder of Preference Shares with respect to such Payment Date. On each applicable Payment Date (or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable), Eligible Equity Securities shall be distributed *pro rata* to each Consenting Holder of the Preference Shares with respect to such Payment Date. Each Holder of Preference Shares that is not a Consenting Holder of the Preference Shares (and, for the avoidance of doubt, each Consenting Holder of the Preference Shares to the extent the Market Value as of the relevant Market Value Determination Date of the *pro rata* portion of Eligible Equity Securities distributed to it on such Payment Date is less than the *pro rata* portion of the Interest Proceeds that it would have received on such Payment Date had the Eligible Equity Securities not been distributed on such Payment Date) on any applicable Payment Date shall receive a distribution of Interest Proceeds to the extent available in accordance with the Priority of Payments on such Payment Date in accordance with Section 2(e) herein and the Indenture.

(c) The Issuer or the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall not be obligated to pay any additional amounts to Holders or beneficial owners of the Preference Shares as a result of any withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges. As a condition to payment of any amount, the Preference Shares Paying Agent, on behalf of the Issuer, may require certification acceptable to it to enable the Issuer and the Preference Shares Paying Agent to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes or other charges that they may be required to deduct or withhold from payments or distributions in respect of Preference Shares under any present or future law or regulation of the United States or any present or future law or regulation of any political subdivision thereof or taxing authority therein or to comply with any reporting or other requirements under such law or regulation. Amounts properly withheld under the Code by any Person from a payment or distribution to a Holder of Preference Shares shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer or the Preference Shares Paying Agent to such Holder for all purposes herein. The Issuer and the Preference Shares Paying Agent hereby provide notice to each Holder or beneficial owner of the Preference Shares that the failure to provide the Preference Shares Paying Agent with appropriate tax certifications will result in amounts being withheld from payments to such Holders or beneficial owners of the Preference Shares under this

Agreement (provided that amounts withheld pursuant to applicable tax laws shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer as provided herein).

(d) The Issuer, the Share Registrar and the Preference Shares Paying Agent may deem and treat the Holder of any Preference Shares as the absolute owner of such Preference Shares, notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing on any certificate representing such Preference Shares, for the purpose of paying dividends and other distributions thereon, and for all other purposes, and none of the Issuer, the Share Registrar or the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. All such payments (including distributions of Eligible Equity Securities) so made to such Holder or upon such Holder's order shall be valid and, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for the monies payable upon any such Preference Share.

(e) All payments by the Preference Shares Paying Agent hereunder shall be made without charging any commission or fee to the Holders of the Preference Shares.

(f) On the Scheduled Preference Shares Redemption Date, the Issuer shall redeem the Preference Shares for a redemption price equal to all amounts distributable to the Preference Shares Paying Agent for distribution to the Holders of the Preference Shares pursuant to the Priority of Payments set forth in the Indenture, unless the Preference Shares have been redeemed earlier through an optional redemption or otherwise. Upon final payment due on the Preference Shares (whether on the Scheduled Preference Shares Redemption Date or any earlier Redemption Date), the Holder thereof shall present and surrender the certificates, if any, representing the Preference Shares at the office of the Preference Shares Paying Agent on or prior to such final payment date. On the Scheduled Preference Shares Redemption Date, all payments on redemption of Preference Shares to the Holders of the Preference Shares shall be made *pro rata* in accordance with their respective holdings.

Notice of final payment of the Preference Shares pursuant to an optional redemption in conjunction with an optional redemption of the Notes shall be given as set forth in Section 9.3 of the Indenture. Notice of any other final payment shall be given by the Preference Shares Paying Agent by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not later than 10 Business Days nor earlier than 30 days before the applicable Redemption Date to each Holder of Preference Shares at such Holder's address as set forth in the share register of the Issuer.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (i) the Redemption Date on which the Preference Shares are to be redeemed;
- (ii) the applicable Redemption Price for the Preference Shares being redeemed;
- (iii) the place or places where such Preference Shares to be redeemed are to be surrendered for payment of the applicable Redemption Price, which shall be the office of the Preference Shares Paying Agent; and

(iv) in the case of an optional redemption, the latest possible date upon which such notice of redemption may be withdrawn.

The Issuer shall have the option to withdraw any such notice of redemption up to the fourth Business Day before the scheduled Redemption Date by written notice to the Trustee, the Servicer and the Preference Shares Paying Agent (for forwarding to the Holders of the Preference Shares) only if (i) in the case of a redemption pursuant to Section 9.2(a) of the Indenture, the Servicer does not deliver the sale agreement or certifications required under the Indenture (as described in Section 9.3(c) and 12.1(f) of the Indenture), as the case may be, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, (ii) in the case of a redemption pursuant to Section 9.2(a) or Section 9.2(b)(i) of the Indenture, the Issuer receives the written direction of a Majority of the Preference Shares to withdraw the notice of redemption delivered by a percentage of the Preference Shares requesting redemption under Section 9.2(a) or Section 9.2(b)(i) of the Indenture, as applicable, or (iii) in the case of a redemption pursuant to Section 9.2(b)(ii) of the Indenture, the Issuer receives the unanimous written direction of the Holders of the Preference Shares to withdraw the notice of redemption (and the Issuer thereby agrees for the benefit of the directing Holders to withdraw the applicable notice of redemption if it receives the written direction referred to in the preceding clause (ii) or this clause (iii)). Notice of any such withdrawal shall be delivered pursuant to Section 9.3 of the Indenture.

Failure to give notice of redemption, or any defect therein, to the Preference Shares Paying Agent (for forwarding to the Holders of the Preference Shares) shall not impair or affect the validity of the redemption of any other Preference Shares.

(g) On any Payment Date on or after payment in full of the Notes, so long as all administrative fees and expenses and other fees (without regard to any payment limitations) payable under the Priority of Payments (including the Senior Servicing Fee and the Subordinated Servicing Fee), all amounts owing under the Indenture and all amounts owing under the Indenture and any Hedge Agreement to any Hedge Counterparty have been discharged:

(i) at the request of a Majority of the Preference Shares, the Issuer shall cause the Trustee to make payments in redemption of all of the Preference Shares, in an aggregate amount equal to all of the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of all of the remaining Collateral less any fees and expenses owed by the Issuer (including the Redemption Price of any Notes being simultaneously redeemed), the aggregate amount to be distributed to the Preference Shares Paying Agent for distribution to the Holders of the Preference Shares *pro rata* in accordance with their respective holdings, subject to Section 2(b) hereof and Cayman Islands law; or

(ii) at the unanimous request of the Holders of the Preference Shares, voting as a single Class or group, the Issuer shall cause the Trustee to make payments in redemption of all or a requested portion (representing less than all) of the Preference Shares to the Preference Shares Paying Agent for distribution to the Holders of the Preference Shares based upon such request, subject to Section 2(b) hereof and Cayman Islands law.



(h) If any Holder of Preference Shares desires to direct the Issuer to optionally redeem the Notes in accordance with Section 9.2(a) of the Indenture, such Holder shall notify the Preference Shares Paying Agent, the Trustee, the Issuer, and the Servicer not later than 45 days before the Payment Date on which the redemption is to be made. If the Preference Shares Paying Agent, the Trustee and the Issuer receive notice from one or more Holders of Preference Shares holding less than a Majority of the Preference Shares, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall, within five Business Days of receipt of such notice, notify the Holders of the Preference Shares (i) of the receipt of such notice and (ii) that any Holder of Preference Shares may join in directing an Optional Redemption by notifying the Issuer, the Trustee and the Preference Shares Paying Agent in writing within five Business Days after such Holder's receipt of the Preference Shares Paying Agent's notice. If the Holders of at least a Majority of the Preference Shares direct the Issuer to optionally redeem the Notes, the Issuer shall effect an Optional Redemption of the Notes pursuant to the procedures described in the Indenture.

(i) If any Holder of Preference Shares desires to request the Issuer to optionally redeem the Preference Shares after the redemption or repayment of the Notes and in accordance with paragraphs (g)(i) and (ii) above, such Holder shall notify the Preference Shares Paying Agent in writing not later than 30 Business Days (or with the Servicer's consent, not later than 20 Business Days) prior to the proposed Redemption Date (which must be a Payment Date). Upon receiving such notice, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall promptly (and in no event later than two Business Days thereafter) notify the Issuer and each Holder of the Preference Shares thereof. Each Holder of Preference Shares that also wishes to request the Issuer to optionally redeem the Preference Shares must so notify the Preference Shares Paying Agent in writing (and the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall promptly notify the Issuer and the Servicer of such request) within 5 Business Days after receipt of such notice. If the aggregate number of Preference Shares that have requested the Issuer to optionally redeem the Preference Shares equals or exceeds the minimum threshold set forth in paragraphs (g)(i) and (ii) above, the Issuer shall may effect an optional redemption of the Preference Shares pursuant to the procedures described in the Preference Share Documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Preference Shares must be redeemed on or prior to the Scheduled Preference Shares Redemption Date. The Preference Shares shall be redeemed from the proceeds of any Collateral remaining after giving effect to the redemption or repayment of the Notes and payment in full of all expenses of the Co-Issuers.

(j) If the Servicer, on behalf of the Issuer, proposes a Refinancing in accordance with Section 9.7(a) of the Indenture by notice to the Preference Shares Paying Agent, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall promptly upon receipt of such notice (and in no event later than two Business Days thereafter) notify each Holder of Preference Shares thereof. Each Holder of Preference Shares that wishes to consent to such Refinancing will deliver such consent to the Preference Shares Paying Agent in writing no later than 15 days prior to the Refinancing Date. Upon receipt of such consents, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall immediately notify the Servicer whether or not the Holders of a Majority of the Preference Shares (voting as a single class) have consented to such Refinancing.

Section 4. Preference Shares Distribution Account. (a) On or prior to the Closing Date, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall establish a single, segregated non-interest bearing trust account that shall be designated as the "Preference Shares Distribution Account" (the "Preference Shares Distribution Account") that shall be held in trust in the name of the Preference Shares Paying Agent for the benefit of the Issuer, over which the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall have exclusive control and the sole right of withdrawal. The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall cause the Trustee to make any payment pursuant to the Priority of Payments by wire transfer (or by internal transfer if the Trustee and the Preference Shares Paying Agent are the same Person) to the Preference Shares Distribution Account in immediately available funds. All sums received by the Preference Shares Paying Agent from the Trustee or the Issuer for payment of dividends or other distributions (other than the Class II Preference Share Special Payments) or the Redemption Price in respect of the Preference Shares shall be deposited promptly in the Preference Shares Distribution Account until the first Payment Date or, in the case of the payment of the Redemption Price in respect of the Preference Shares, the first Business Day, on which, in either case, the Issuer notifies the Preference Shares Paying Agent that such distribution can be made to the Holders of the Preference Shares in accordance with Section 2. The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall then apply such funds as provided for in Section 3. All sums payable by the Preference Shares Paying Agent hereunder shall be paid out of the Preference Shares Distribution Account.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall not incur any personal liability to pay amounts due to Holders of the Preference Shares and shall only be required to make payments or other distributions (including the Redemption Price thereof) if there are sufficient monies in the Preference Shares Distribution Account to make such payments or other distributions.

(c) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall have no right of set off with respect to amounts on deposit in the Preference Shares Distribution Account.

(d) Amounts on deposit in the Preference Shares Distribution Account that are not paid out may be deposited in an interest-bearing account as directed in writing by the Issuer.

Section 5. Unclaimed Payments. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, any money deposited with the Preference Shares Paying Agent and held in the Preference Shares Distribution Account or otherwise held for payment on any Preference Share and remaining unclaimed for two years after such payment has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuer upon Issuer Request; and the Holder of such Preference Shares shall thereafter look only to the Issuer for payment of such amounts and all liability of the Preference Shares Paying Agent with respect to such money (but only to the extent of the amounts so paid to the Issuer) shall thereupon cease. The Preference Shares Paying Agent, before being required to make any such release of payment, may, but shall not be required to, adopt and employ, at the expense of the Issuer any reasonable means of notification of such release of payment, including, but not limited to, arranging with the Share Registrar for the Share Registrar to mail notice of such release to Holders of Preference Shares whose right to or interest in monies due and payable but not claimed is determinable from the records of the Issuer or Preference Shares Paying Agent, as applicable, at the last address of record of each such Holder.

Section 6. Additional Issuance of Preference Shares. (a) At any time during the Replacement Period, the Issuer may issue and sell additional Preference Shares and use the proceeds from such issuance and sale to purchase additional Collateral Obligations or as otherwise permitted under the Preference Share Documents and the Indenture; provided that the following conditions are met: (i) the terms of the Preference Shares issued shall be identical to the terms of previously issued Preference Shares and (ii) the net proceeds of any additional Preference Shares shall be used to purchase additional Collateral Obligations. Such additional Preference Shares may be offered and sold at prices that differ from the initial offering prices of the outstanding Preference Shares; provided that the initial offering prices of additional Preference Shares shall not be below 100% of the face amount thereof. The Issuer shall cause purchases of additional Preference Shares made pursuant to an additional issuance of Preference Shares to comply individually and in the aggregate with the applicable purchase and transfer restrictions for the Preference Shares set forth herein in Section 9 and all applicable laws, rules and regulations (including, without limitation, any rules, regulations and procedures of any securities exchange, self-regulatory organization or clearing agency).

(b) Any additional Preference Shares issued shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, be offered by the Issuer first to the existing Holders of the Preference Shares, in such amounts as are necessary to preserve their *pro rata* holdings of the Preference Shares.

Section 7. Purchase and Conversion of Preference Shares. (a) Each Holder or beneficial owner of Preference Shares, by its ownership of such Preference Shares, acknowledges and agrees that each Non-Consenting Holder of Preference Shares with respect to an amendment of the Indenture (which includes Holders that fail to respond to a consent solicitation within the applicable period) will be forced to sell its applicable Preference Shares pursuant to Section 9.6 of the Indenture, whereby the Amendment Buy-Out Purchaser is permitted to purchase the Preference Shares held by any such Non-Consenting Holder thereof at the applicable Amendment Buy-Out Purchase Price; provided that if any Non-Consenting Holder holds Class II Preference Shares, such Non-Consenting Holder will sell such Class II Preference Shares to the Amendment Buy-Out Purchaser, and such Preference Shares will, subject to the Issuer Articles of Association, be converted to Class I Preference Shares, which shall be effected by a redemption by the Issuer of the applicable Class II Preference Shares and an issue of an equivalent number of Class I Preference Shares.

(b) Each Holder or beneficial owner of Preference Shares will have the right to sell such Preference Shares to an Extension Qualifying Purchaser upon a Maturity Extension pursuant to Section 2.4 of the Indenture at the applicable Extension Purchase Price and absent such sale shall be subject to an extension of the Scheduled Preference Shares Redemption Date as set forth in the Indenture and the other aspects of a Maturity Extension under the Indenture; provided that if any Non-Consenting Holder holds Class II Preference Shares, such Non-Consenting Holder shall sell such Class II Preference Shares to the Extension Qualifying Purchaser, and such Preference Shares will, subject to the Issuer Articles of Association, be converted to Class I Preference Shares, which shall be effected by a redemption by the Issuer of the applicable Class II Preference Shares and an issue of an equivalent number of Class I Preference Shares.

(c) The Share Registrar shall record in the register maintained by it those Preference Shares which it has been notified in writing are held by HFP or any of its subsidiaries and which Preference Shares so specifically designated by Highland Capital are held by Highland Capital or its Affiliates (together with HFP or any of its subsidiaries, the “Approved Class II Preference Shareholders”). Such Preference Shares shall be designated at issue or issued, upon a transfer to an Approved Class II Preference Shareholder by the Issuer, as Class II Preference Shares. The Share Registrar at the direction of the Issuer will update the Share Register to reflect (i) any transfer of such Class II Preference Shares by an Approved Class II Preference Shareholder to any Person other than an Approved Class II Preference Shareholder, the redemption of such Class II Preference Shares and the issue of an equivalent number of Class I Preference Shares, subject to the Issuer Articles of Association, and (ii) any transfer of Class I Preference Shares to any Approved Class II Preference Shareholder, the redemption of such Class I Preference Shares and the issue of an equivalent number of Class II Preference Shares, subject to the Issuer Articles of Association.

Section 8. Execution, Delivery and Dating. The certificates (if required by the Resolutions) relating to the Preference Shares shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer as provided for in the Issuer’s Memorandum and Articles of Association.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Issuer may deliver Preference Share certificates (the “Preference Share Certificates”) executed by the Issuer to the Preference Shares Paying Agent, and the Preference Shares Paying Agent, upon Issuer Order, shall deliver such Preference Share Certificates as provided in this Agreement and not otherwise.

Each Preference Share Certificate delivered by the Preference Shares Paying Agent to or upon Issuer Order on the Closing Date shall be dated the Closing Date. All other Preference Share Certificates that are delivered after the Closing Date for any other purpose under this Agreement shall be dated the date of their delivery.

Section 9. Registration and Registration of Transfer. (a) When the Preference Shares Paying Agent receives a request for transfer of Preference Shares, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall comply with its obligations as set forth in Section 5 of Annex A to the Resolutions.

Each purchaser and subsequent transferee of Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares will represent and agree (and each fiduciary acting on behalf of such purchaser or subsequent transferee (both in its fiduciary and corporate capacity) will represent and agree) whether such purchaser or subsequent transferee is (or is not, as applicable) a Benefit Plan Investor or a Controlling Person set forth in a certificate in the form of Exhibit B-5 to the Indenture. No Benefit Plan Investor or Controlling Person will be permitted to purchase Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares, unless such purchaser’s or subsequent transferee’s acquisition, holding and disposition of such Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares, (x) will not cause participation by Benefit Plan Investors to be “significant” within the meaning of the Plan Asset Regulation and (y) (1) in connection with the acquisition, holding and disposition of such Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares, the purchaser’s or subsequent transferee’s fiduciary has determined that such purchaser or subsequent transferee is receiving no less, and paying no more, than “adequate consideration”

(within the meaning of Section 408(b)(17)(B) of ERISA and Section 4975(f)(10) of the Code) and (2) such purchaser's or subsequent transferee's acquisition, holding and disposition of such Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code. If the purchaser or the subsequent transferee is a governmental, church, non-U.S. or other plan that is subject to any Substantially Similar Law, such purchaser or subsequent transferee shall represent and warrant that such purchaser's or subsequent transferee's acquisition, holding and disposition of a Class I Preference Share or a Class II Preference Share will not constitute or result in a non-exempt violation of any such Substantially Similar Law.

In determining whether participation by Benefit Plan Investors is "significant", Class I Preference Shares and Class II Preference Shares beneficially held by (1) the Servicer, the Trustee, any of their respective Affiliates, employees of the Servicer or any of their respective Affiliates and any charitable foundation of any such employees or (2) persons that have represented that they are Controlling Persons, will be disregarded and will not be treated as Outstanding for purposes of whether participation by Benefit Plan Investors is "significant" to the extent that persons listed in (1) or (2) are not Benefit Plan Investors.

The purchaser or the subsequent transferee acknowledges that a transfer of the Class I Preference Shares or the Class II Preference Shares will not be permitted, and no such transfer or exchange will be registered under the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement, to the extent that the transfer or exchange would result in Benefit Plan Investors owning 25% or more of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Class I Preference Shares or the Class II Preference Shares immediately after such transfer or exchange (determined in accordance with the Plan Asset Regulation and the Preference Share Paying Agency Agreement).

If any Person that is the beneficial owner of an interest in a Class I Preference Share or a Class II Preference Share becomes a Non-Permitted ERISA Holder, the Issuer shall, promptly after discovery that such person is a Non-Permitted ERISA Holder by the Issuer, the Co-Issuer or the Trustee (and notice by the Trustee or the Co-Issuer to the Issuer, if either of them makes the discovery), send notice to such Non-Permitted ERISA Holder demanding that such Non-Permitted ERISA Holder transfer its interest to a person that is not a Non-Permitted ERISA Holder within 14 days of the date of such notice. If such Non-Permitted ERISA Holder fails to so transfer its Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares, the Issuer shall have the right, without further notice to the Non-Permitted ERISA Holder, to sell (and shall sell if directed to do so by the Servicer) such Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares or interest in such Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares, to a purchaser selected by the Issuer that is not a Non-Permitted ERISA Holder on such terms as the Issuer may choose. The Issuer, or the Trustee acting on behalf of the Issuer, may select the purchaser by soliciting one or more bids from one or more brokers or other market professionals that regularly deal in securities similar to the Class I Preference Shares or the Class II Preference Shares and selling such Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares to the highest such bidder. However, the Issuer, or the Trustee acting on behalf of the Issuer, may select a purchaser by any other means determined by it in its sole discretion. The Holder of each Class I Preference Share or Class II Preference Share, the Non-Permitted ERISA Holder and each other Person in the chain of title from the Holder to the Non-Permitted ERISA Holder, by its acceptance of an interest in the Class I Preference Shares or the Class II Preference Shares, agrees to cooperate

with the Issuer and the Trustee to effect such transfers. The proceeds of such sale, net of any commissions, expenses and taxes due in connection with such sale shall be remitted to the Non-Permitted ERISA Holder. The terms and conditions of any sale under this subsection shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Issuer, and none of the Issuer, the Servicer, or the Trustee shall be liable to any Person having an interest in the Class I Preference Shares or the Class II Preference Shares sold as a result of any such sale or the exercise of such discretion (including for the price of such sale).

Each purchaser or transferee of Preference Shares will be required to represent and agree that it will not transfer such Preference Shares in violation of any of the foregoing representations and agreements, that any purported transfer that does not comply with such representations and agreements will be null and void *ab initio* and will vest in the transferee no rights against the Preference Shares Paying Agent or the Issuer, and that such purchaser or transferee, as applicable, and any fiduciary or other Person causing it to acquire such Preference Shares shall, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless the Issuer, the Co-Issuer, the Trustee, the Preference Share Paying Agent, the Servicer, the Share Registrar, the Initial Purchaser and their respective affiliates from any cost, damage or loss incurred by them as a result of any transfer in violation of any of the foregoing.

(b) The Preference Shares Paying Agent agrees that, after the initial distribution of the Preference Shares, neither it nor any of its affiliates will acquire any Preference Shares (including pursuant to a Maturity Extension or the Amendment Buy-Out Option) unless such acquisition would not, as determined by the Trustee (based upon the information contained in the transfer certificates delivered to it pursuant to this Section 9), result in persons that have represented that they are Benefit Plan Investors owning 25% or more of the aggregate outstanding amount of any of the Class I Preference Shares or the Class II Preference Shares immediately after such acquisition (determined in accordance with Section 3(42) of ERISA, the Plan Asset Regulation, the Indenture, this Agreement and Annex to the Resolutions). The Preference Shares held by the Preference Shares Paying Agent or any of its affiliates (as defined in the Plan Asset Regulation) that have represented that they are Controlling Persons will be disregarded and will not be treated as outstanding for purposes of determining compliance with such 25% limitation to the extent that such person has represented that it is not a Benefit Plan Investor.

(c) Notwithstanding anything else contained herein to the contrary, neither the Preference Shares Paying Agent nor the Share Registrar shall be responsible for ascertaining whether any purchase or transfer complies with the registration provisions of or exemptions from the Securities Act, applicable state laws, the Code, ERISA, the Plan Asset Regulation or the Investment Company Act; provided that if a certificate or other written representation is specifically required by the express terms of this Agreement or Section 5 of Annex A to the Resolutions to be delivered to the Preference Shares Paying Agent by the purchaser or transferee of a Preference Share, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall be under a duty to receive and examine the same to determine whether the same substantially conforms on its face with the terms of this Agreement or Section 5 of Annex A to the Resolutions, as applicable, and shall promptly notify the party delivering the same if such certificate does not comply with such terms.

(d) The Issuer shall (and shall cause the Share Registrar to) consult the Preference Shares Paying Agent in connection with all transfers of Preference Shares and shall (and shall cause the Share Registrar to) direct all transferors and transferees to correspond through the Preference Shares Paying Agent. The Share Registrar will not be required to determine whether any proposed transfer, redemption or other transaction in relation to the Preference Shares complies with any restrictions imposed by law or under the terms of the Indenture or the Preference Share Documents but shall be entitled to rely completely in that respect on the Issuer or the Preference Shares Paying Agent.

(e) Each purchaser and each subsequent transferee of Class I Preference Shares or Class II Preference Shares that (i) is not a "United States person" (as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code) and (ii) is acquiring, directly or in conjunction with persons acting on its behalf, more than 33 1/3% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Class I Preference Shares or the Class II Preference Shares will make a representation to the effect that it is not an Affected Bank.

(f) Except as expressly provided herein or as required by this Agreement in connection with the Preference Shares Paying Agent's obligations to the Holders of Preference Shares, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall have no obligation to oversee or participate in any such transfer of Preference Shares.

Section 10. Fees and Indemnification. The Issuer agrees to pay, and the Preference Share Paying Agent shall be entitled to receive compensation for, and reimbursement for expenses in connection with, the Preference Share Paying Agent's performance of the duties called for herein; *provided* that such amounts will be payable solely from the Collateral and pursuant to the Priority of Payments set forth in Section 11.1 of the Indenture. The fees payable hereunder shall be paid by the Issuer to the Preference Shares Paying Agent's account as directed by the Preference Shares Paying Agent. The Issuer will indemnify the Preference Shares Paying Agent and its officers, directors, employees and agents, against any loss, liability or expense (including reasonable legal fees and out-of-pocket expenses of counsel) incurred in connection with their appointment and duties hereunder, except such as result from their own gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Preference Shares Paying Agent agrees that such fees and indemnification shall be treated as an Administrative Expense of the Issuer as defined in the Indenture and paid pursuant to the Priority of Payments. Anything in this Agreement notwithstanding, in no event shall the Preference Shares Paying Agent be liable for special, indirect or consequential losses or damages of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to loss of profits), even if the Preference Shares Paying Agent has been advised of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action. The obligation of the Issuer to indemnify the Preference Shares Paying Agent under this Section 10 shall survive retirement of the Preference Shares and any resignation or removal of the Preference Shares Paying Agent but shall remain subject to the provisions of Section 23.

Section 11. Liabilities. (a) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall not be responsible or accountable to anyone for any reason whatsoever with respect to the validity of this Agreement or of the Preference Shares, or for any act done or omitted by it in good faith, or for anything whatsoever in connection with this Agreement, except for its own gross negligence,

bad faith or willful misconduct in the performance of any duty to be performed by the Preference Shares Paying Agent hereunder.

(b) The Preference Shares Paying Agent may consult as to legal matters with lawyers selected with due care by it, who may be employees of or regular independent counsel to the Issuer, and the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall be protected from and shall incur no liability for action taken, or suffered to be taken, with respect to such matters in good faith and in accordance with the opinion or advice of such lawyers.

(c) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall be protected from and shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken or thing suffered by it in reliance upon any Preference Shares, notice, direction, consent, certificate, affidavit, statement or other paper or document reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been delivered or signed by the proper parties, except as may result from its own gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct or that of its directors, officers, employees or agents.

(d) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall not be under any liability for interest on any money at any time received by it pursuant to any of the provisions of this Agreement, except as otherwise agreed in writing with the Issuer.

(e) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall not incur any liability with respect to the validity or value of any of the Preference Shares unless otherwise specified herein.

Section 12. Conflicts. (a) The Preference Shares Paying Agent and its officers, directors and employees may, subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 9, become the Holder of, or acquire any interest in, any Preference Shares, with the same rights that it or they would have if it were not the Preference Shares Paying Agent hereunder, or they were not such officers, directors, or employees, and may engage or be interested in any fiscal or other transaction with the Issuer and may act on, or as depository, trustee or agent for, any committee or body of Holders of Preference Shares or other indebtedness of the Issuer as freely as if it were not the Preference Shares Paying Agent hereunder or they were not such officers, directors, or employees.

(b) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall be obliged to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth herein, and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement or the Indenture against the Preference Shares Paying Agent. Except for Section 5 of Annex A to the Resolutions (to the extent they do not contradict this Agreement), the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall have no duties under Annex A to the Resolutions. The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall not be under any obligation to take any action hereunder that may tend to involve it in any expenses or liability, the payment of which within a reasonable time is not, in its reasonable opinion, assured to it. The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall not be accountable or under any duty or responsibility in case of any default of which the Preference Shares Paying Agent has knowledge by the Issuer in the performance of its obligations contained in the Issuer's Memorandum and Articles of Association and Annex A to the Resolutions (including, without limitation, any duty or responsibility to initiate or attempt to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise or to make any demand for payment upon the Issuer).



(c) In acting under this Agreement, the Preference Shares Paying Agent is acting solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligations to, or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the owners or Holders of the Preference Shares. All funds held by the Preference Shares Paying Agent for payment on the Preference Shares shall be held in trust for the Issuer, until paid.

(d) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall, as between itself and the Holders of the Preference Shares, with respect to all the obligations, powers, authorities and discretions, vested in it hereunder and under the Issuer's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Resolutions, have absolute and uncontrolled discretion as to the exercise thereof whether in relation to the manner or as to the mode of and time for the exercise thereof and, in the absence of gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on its part or that of its officers, directors or employees shall be in no way responsible for any loss, costs, damages or inconvenience that may result from the exercise or non-exercise thereof.

Section 13. Amendment. (a) This Agreement may be amended by the parties hereto, without the consent of the Holders of any Preference Shares, for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, or of curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained herein, or in regard to matters or questions arising under this Agreement as the Issuer and the Preference Shares Paying Agent may deem necessary or desirable and which shall not materially adversely affect the interests of Holders of the Preference Shares. In addition, this Agreement may be amended without the consent of any Holders of the Preference Shares and without regard to whether or not such amendment adversely affects the interest of the Holders of the Preference Shares in order to prevent the Issuer from becoming an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act or to better assure compliance with the requirements of Rule 3a-7 and/or to remove transfer restrictions and other requirements relating to Section 3(c)(7); provided that, as a condition to the effectiveness of any such amendment, each of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Preference Shares Paying Agent and the Servicer shall have received a customary opinion of counsel (which may be supported as to factual matters by any relevant certificates or other documents necessary or advisable in the judgment of counsel delivering such opinion) from a nationally recognized law firm providing that, after giving effect to such amendment, the Issuer is exempt from registration as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act in reliance on the exemption provided by Rule 3a-7.

(b) Unless otherwise as set forth in subsection (a) above, this Agreement may be amended with the consent of Holders of a Majority of the Preference Shares materially and adversely affected thereby.

(c) Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing executed by each party hereto.

(d) The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to its duties and obligations herein) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an opinion of counsel, consent or certificate of the Issuer in determining whether or not any proposed amendment is permitted hereunder.

(e) Any amendment to this Agreement that would necessitate a change to the Issuer's Memorandum and Articles of Association may only be made after a Special Resolution (as therein defined) has been passed to permit the Issuer's Memorandum and Articles of Association to be altered to conform with such proposed amendment.

Section 14. Resignation or Removal of the Preference Shares Paying Agent. The Preference Shares Paying Agent may at any time resign as the Preference Shares Paying Agent, by giving written notice to the Issuer of its resignation, specifying the date on which its resignation shall become effective (which date shall not be less than 60 days after the date on which such notice is given unless the Issuer shall agree to a shorter period). The Issuer may remove the Preference Shares Paying Agent at any time by giving written notice of not less than 60 days to the Preference Shares Paying Agent specifying the date on which such removal shall become effective. Such resignation or removal shall only take effect upon the appointment by the Issuer of a successor Preference Shares Paying Agent and upon the acceptance of such appointment by such successor Preference Shares Paying Agent; provided, however, that if the successor Preference Shares Paying Agent has not been appointed within 60 days after such notice of resignation or removal, then the Preference Shares Paying Agent, or any Holder of Preference Shares, may, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Preference Shares Paying Agent; provided, further, that after the retirement of the Notes, if the Issuer determines that no material distributions will be paid on the Preference Shares, the Issuer may remove the Preference Shares Paying Agent at any time, by giving written notice of not less than 10 days, and assume the duties of the Preference Shares Paying Agent itself.

Section 15. Assignment. No party hereto may assign or novate any of its rights or obligations hereunder except with the prior written consent of all the parties hereto.

Section 16. Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business of Preference Shares Paying Agent. Any entity into which the Preference Shares Paying Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any entity resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Preference Shares Paying Agent is a party, or any entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Preference Shares Paying Agent, shall be the successor of the Preference Shares Paying Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

Section 17. Reports and Notices. The Issuer hereby authorizes the Preference Shares Paying Agent to deliver or request the Trustee to deliver all Monthly Reports and Valuation Reports (each a "Report" and, collectively, "Reports") prepared pursuant to the Indenture to the Holders of the Preference Shares and the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall deliver, or shall cause the Trustee to deliver, a copy of any such Report to such Holders within two Business Days of receipt of any such Report. In addition, the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall deliver, or shall cause the Trustee to deliver, a copy of any other notice or information that it has received from the Trustee under the Indenture to the Holders of the Preference Shares within two Business Days of receipt of such notice and information. Any notices or information to be delivered by the Preference Shares Paying Agent to the Holders of the Preference Shares pursuant to this Agreement shall be delivered, in each case, (i) by first-class mail, postage

prepaid, to each Holder of a Preference Share at the address appearing in the share register of the Issuer or (ii) with respect to delivery of the Reports, by making such Reports available via its password-protected internet website, initially located at <http://www.cdocalc.com/ibt/cdo/>. All information made available on the Preference Shares Paying Agent's website shall be restricted and the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall only provide access to such reports to those parties entitled thereto pursuant to the Preference Shares Paying Agency Agreement. In connection with providing access to its website, the Preference Shares Paying Agent may require registration and the acceptance of a disclaimer. Questions regarding the Preference Shares Paying Agent's website may be directed to the Preference Shares Paying Agent's customer service desk at (617) 937-4175.

Section 18. Notices. (a) All communications by or on behalf of the Issuer relating to the transfer or payment of Preference Shares or any interest therein shall be directed to the Preference Shares Paying Agent at its address set forth in clause (b)(ii) below. The Preference Shares Paying Agent shall mail any notice it receives from the Trustee (for forwarding to the Holders of the Preference Shares) to the Holders of the Preference Shares on the Business Day it receives such notice.

Where this Agreement provides for notice to Holders of the Preference Shares of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if such notice is in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder of the Preference Shares affected by such event, at such Holder's address as it appears on the share register of the Issuer, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice.

Neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, to any particular Holder of Preference Shares shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders. Any notice that is given in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given whether or not actually received by such Holder. Any notice to Holders of the Preference Shares provided for in this Agreement will be deemed to have been given on the date of mailing.

Where this Agreement provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice.

In the event that, by reason of the suspension of the regular mail service as a result of a strike, work stoppage or similar activity, it shall be impractical to mail notice of any event to Holders of the Preference Shares when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Agreement, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Preference Shares Paying Agent shall be deemed to be a sufficient giving of such notice.

(b) Notices and other communications hereunder shall (except to the extent otherwise expressly provided) be in writing and shall be addressed as follows, or to such other addresses as the parties hereto shall specify from time to time:

(i) if to the Issuer:

Aberdeen Loan Funding, Ltd.  
c/o Walkers SPV Limited  
Walker House  
87 Mary Street  
George Town, Grand Cayman  
Cayman Islands, KY1-9002  
Fax: (345) 949-4757  
Attention: The Directors- Aberdeen Loan Funding,  
Ltd.

(ii) if to the Preference Shares Paying Agent:

State Street Bank and Trust Company  
200 Clarendon Street  
Mail Code: EUC 108  
Boston, MA 02116  
Fax: (617) 937-0517  
Attention: CDO Services Group—Aberdeen Loan  
Funding, Ltd.

Section 19. Covenants of the Issuer. The Issuer shall not take any action under this Agreement or the Indenture that requires the authorization, direction or consent from the Holders of the Preference Shares without obtaining such authorization, direction or consent from the Holders of the Preference Shares. It shall be the responsibility of the Issuer to satisfy the Preference Shares Paying Agent as to the compliance with the foregoing condition (on which the Preference Shares Paying Agent may rely on in good faith).

Section 20. Transfer of Issuer Ordinary Shares. For so long as any of the Preference Shares are Outstanding, the Issuer shall not agree to the transfer of any Issuer Ordinary Shares to U.S. Persons (as defined in the Code), and shall not transfer any such Issuer Ordinary Shares to any Person other than a Person which is a resident of the Cayman Islands.

Section 21. Certain Tax Matters. (a) On demand of the Issuer, a Holder or beneficial owner of Preference Shares shall notify the Issuer whether or not the Holder or beneficial owner of such Preference Shares is a United States person within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code and the name and status of such Holder or beneficial owner as an individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity and such other information as the Issuer shall reasonably request for purposes of tax reporting of the Issuer or other Holders of the Preference Shares.

(b) If the Issuer is aware that it has purchased an interest in a “reportable transaction” within the meaning of Section 6011 of the Code because, after the Closing Date, the Issuer entered into a transaction whereby the Issuer recognized a significant loss or otherwise, and a Holder of the Preference Shares requests information about any such transactions in which the Issuer is a purchaser, the Issuer shall provide such information it has reasonably available as soon as practicable after such request.

(c) The Issuer shall provide or cause to be provided to each Holder or beneficial owner of the Preference Shares (or its designee), upon written request therefor, any information that such Holder or beneficial owner reasonably requests to assist such Holder or beneficial owner with regard to its or its equity owners' U.S. federal income tax filing requirements.

(d) Each Holder and beneficial owner of the Preference Shares agrees to treat the Preference Shares as equity of the Issuer and the Notes as debt of the Issuer for U.S. federal, state and local income tax purposes, if applicable.

(e) The Issuer will not make an election to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and will take all necessary actions to maintain its status as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

(f) Within 90 days after December 31 of each calendar year, the Issuer shall (or shall cause its Independent accountants to) provide to each Holder of Preference Shares (i) all information that a U.S. shareholder making a "qualified electing fund" election (as defined in the Code) is required to obtain for U.S. federal income tax purposes and (ii) a "PFIC Annual Information Statement" as described in Treasury Regulation section 1.1295-1 (or any successor Treasury Regulation), including all representations and statements required by such statement, and will take any other reasonable steps necessary to facilitate such election by, and any reporting requirements of, a holder of Preference Shares. Upon request by the Independent accountants, the Share Registrar shall provide to the Independent accountants information contained in the share register of the Issuer and requested by the Independent accountants to comply with this Section 21(f).

(g) The Issuer will provide, upon request of a Holder of Preference Shares, any information that such Holder reasonably requests to assist such Holder with regard to any filing requirements the Holder may have as a result of the controlled foreign corporation rules under the Code.

(h) The Issuer shall treat each purchase of Collateral Obligations and Eligible Investments as a "purchase" for tax, accounting and reporting purposes.

(i) The Issuer shall file, or cause to be filed, any tax returns, including information tax returns, required by any governmental authority; provided, however, that the Issuer shall not file, or cause to be filed, any income or franchise tax return in the United States or any state thereof except with respect to a return required by a tax imposed under Section 881 of the Code unless it shall have obtained a Tax Opinion of Counsel prior to such filing that, under the laws of such jurisdiction, the Issuer is required to file such income or franchise tax return.

(j) The Issuer shall not conduct its business in contravention of Annex 1 to the Servicing Agreement.

(k) Notwithstanding any contrary agreement or understanding, the Preference Shares Paying Agent, the Co-Issuers, the Trustee and the Holders' of the Preference Shares (and each of their respective employees, representatives or other agents) are hereby permitted to

disclose to any and all Persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including the ownership and disposition of the Preference Shares) and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. For this purpose, the tax treatment of a transaction is the purported or claimed U.S. federal income or state and local tax treatment of the transaction, and the tax structure of a transaction is any fact that may be relevant to understanding the purported or claimed U.S. federal income or state and local tax treatment of the transaction.

(l) Each Holder of Preference Shares, by acceptance of its Preference Shares, shall be deemed to understand and acknowledge that failure to provide the Issuer, the Trustee or the Preference Shares Paying Agent with the applicable U.S. federal income tax certifications (generally, a United States Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (or successor applicable form) in the case of a person that is a "United States person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code or an appropriate United States Internal Revenue Service Form W-8 (or successor applicable form) in the case of a person that is not a "United States person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code) may result in U.S. federal back-up withholding from payments in respect of such Preference Shares.

Section 22. Minimum Lots. Preference Shares must be held in minimum lots of 100 Preference Shares per investor and integral multiples of one Preference Share in excess thereof.

Section 23. Limited Recourse; No Petition. The Preference Shares Paying Agent hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Issuer's obligations hereunder will be solely the corporate obligations of the Issuer, and that the Preference Shares Paying Agent will not have any recourse to any of the directors, officers, employees, shareholders or Affiliates of the Issuer with respect to any claims, losses, damages, liabilities, indemnities or other obligations in connection with any transactions contemplated hereby. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, recourse in respect of any obligations of the Issuer hereunder will be limited to the proceeds of the Collateral, paid pursuant to the Priority of Payments and on the exhaustion thereof all obligations of and all claims against the Issuer arising from this Agreement or any transactions contemplated hereby shall be extinguished and shall not thereafter revive. The Preference Shares Paying Agent and the Share Registrar, by entering into this Agreement and each Holder of Preference Shares by its acceptance of Preference Shares, hereby covenants and agrees that it will not, prior to the date which is one year and one day (or, if longer, the applicable preference period) after the payment in full of all amounts owing under the Indenture and this Agreement, institute against the Issuer, or voluntarily join in any institution against the Issuer of, any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar law of any jurisdiction within or without the United States in connection with any obligations relating to the Preference Shares or this Agreement. The provisions of this Section 23 shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever.

Section 24. Legal. (a) GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

(b) WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH OF THE ISSUER AND THE PREFERENCE SHARES PAYING AGENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE PREFERENCE SHARES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

(c) Service of Process. The Issuer irrevocably appoints CT Corporation System (the "Process Agent") c/o CT Corporation System, located at 111 Eighth Avenue, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10011, to receive, for it and on its behalf, service of process in any suit, action or proceeding relating to this Agreement. If for any reason the Process Agent is unable to act as such, the Issuer shall promptly notify the Preference Shares Paying Agent and within 30 days appoint a substitute process agent acceptable to the Preference Shares Paying Agent.

Section 25. Signatures. This Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. A facsimile signature shall be considered due execution and shall be binding upon the signatory thereto with the same force and effect as if the signature were an original.

Section 26. Voting. The Class I Preference Shares and the Class II Preference Shares will be identical in all respects except that the Class II Preference Shares will also be entitled, subject to any restrictions under Cayman Islands law, to the Class II Preference Share Special Payments and will have voting rights with respect to the directors of the Issuer as set forth in the Issuer's Memorandum and Articles of Association. Unless otherwise specified herein or in the Issuer's Memorandum and Articles of Association, Holders of Class I Preference Shares and Class II Preference Shares shall vote together as a single class.

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Please indicate your acceptance of this appointment and the terms of this Agreement by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this Agreement. The Issuer by signing this Agreement confirms its agreement to the terms stated herein.

Very truly yours,

**ABERDEEN LOAN FUNDING, LTD.,**  
as Issuer

By: 

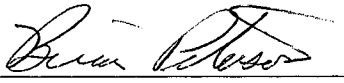
Name: John Cullinane

Title: Director



Accepted and agreed to on this 27 day of March, 2008.

**STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,**  
as Preference Shares Paying Agent

By:   
Name: **Brian Peterson**  
Title: **Vice President**

Accepted and agreed to on this 27 day of March, 2008.

**WALKERS SPV LIMITED**

By: 

Name

**John Cullinane**

Title:

Director

**SCHEDULE I**

**Notice of Distribution of Eligible Equity Securities**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Holder

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy:

Aberdeen Loan Funding, Ltd.  
c/o Walkers SPV Limited  
Walker House  
87 Mary Street  
George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9002  
Cayman Islands  
Attention: The Directors

Re: Aberdeen Loan Funding, Ltd.  
Distribution of Eligible Equity Securities in lieu of Interest Proceeds

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to inform you that Highland Capital Management, L.P., in its capacity as servicer (the "Servicer") with respect to that certain servicing agreement, dated as of March 27, 2008, by and between Aberdeen Loan Funding, Ltd. (the "Issuer") and the Servicer, on behalf of the Issuer, would like to distribute Eligible Equity Securities on the Payment Date of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ to the Holders of the Preference Shares in lieu of the Interest Proceeds, in whole or in part, that are otherwise due and payable to such Holders on such Payment Date. Such Eligible Equity Securities will be distributed in accordance with Sections 2(e) and 3(b) of that certain paying agency agreement, dated as of March 27, 2008 (the "Preference Shares Paying Agency Agreement"), by and among the Issuer, State Street Bank and Trust Company, in its capacity as preference shares paying agent (the "Preference Shares Paying Agent") and Section 11.1(a)(i) of that certain indenture, dated as of March 27, 2008, by and among the Issuer, Aberdeen Loan Funding Corp. and State Street Bank and Trust Company, in its capacity as

trustee (the "Trustee"). Any capitalized terms used without definition herein are used with the meanings assigned to such terms in the Indenture.

Details with respect to the proposed distribution of such Eligible Equity Securities are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Each Holder of the Preference Shares wishing to receive such Eligible Equity Securities in lieu of all or a portion of the Interest Proceeds available for distribution to such Holder (each such Holder, a "Consenting Holder") must deliver the consent notice attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "Consent Notice") to the Preference Shares Paying Agent not later than five Business Days prior to such Payment Date. Each Consenting Holder must indicate in the Consent Notice the portion of Preference Shares held by such Holder for which such Holder wishes to receive a distribution of Eligible Equity Securities in lieu of Interest Proceeds. Any Consent Notice that is not delivered to the Preference Shares Paying Agent in the manner set forth herein shall be deemed to have not been delivered.

Please contact [ ] (*insert e-mail address*) at [( ) \_\_-\_\_ ] with any questions.

Sincerely,

State Street Bank and Trust Company,  
as Preference Shares Paying Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**EXHIBIT A**

**ELIGIBLE EQUITY SECURITIES DISTRIBUTION**

**CONSENT NOTICE**

The undersigned hereby consents to a distribution of Eligible Equity Securities in lieu of the Interest Proceeds due and payable as dividends with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ of the Preference Shares held by the undersigned on the Payment Date of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Holder

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Signatory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Authorized Signatory

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Print Title of Authorized Signatory